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Honorable William Webster  
 Director  
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Dear Judge Webster:

One of the more important relationships that any federal agency must foster is with the congressional committees which have jurisdiction over its resources. In the forefront of this dialogue are those people assigned to the legislative liaison organizations within these agencies. Without such personnel who are fully conversant with the CIA program requirements as well as the realities of the congressional appropriations process, it would be difficult, if not impossible, for the Congress to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities.

It is in this context that I wish to thank you for the outstanding support provided to the Committee by [redacted] who recently completed an assignment with your legislation liaison staff. [redacted] has consistently met the demanding role of the "honest broker" between the Committee and the CIA by recognizing our needs, but at the same time vigorously defending the budgetary requirements of the CIA. This is a difficult balance to maintain, but [redacted] has repeatedly demonstrated his significant professional capabilities in an unflinching manner.

On behalf of the Committee and its staff, I want to commend [redacted] for his efforts and wish him well on his next endeavor at the CIA.

Sincerely,

*Bill Chappell*  
 Bill Chappell, Jr.  
 Chairman  
 Defense Subcommittee